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SUBJ: OFFICIAL PLO STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTERVIEW  
WITH SUNDAY TIMES

1. ACCORDING TO Wafa, an official PLO spokesman on May 1 issued the following statement in response to President Carter's interview with Trudy Feldman.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SUNDAY TIMES ON THE EVE OF THE TERRORIST MENACHEM BEGIN'S VISIT TO THE USA, U.S. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER AFFIRMED HIS UNCOMPROMISING REJECTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE, AND DECLARED HIS OPEN SUPPORT FOR BEGIN'S SCHEMES TO MAINTAIN THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF PALESTINIAN AND ARAB TERRITORIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE PLO, WHICH WAS NEVER SURPRISED BY THE HOSTILE STANDS OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION AGAINST THE CAUSE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, SEES  
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IN THE CARTER DECLARATIONS NEW EVIDENCES OF THE HOSTILITY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND ITS AGGRESSIVENESS AGAINST THE PLO AND THE MILITANT PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

3. "IN FACT, THOSE HOSTILE DECLARATIONS AFFIRM THAT THE POLICY OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION IS AIMED AT DOMINATION OF THE ARAB REGION, AND AT GIVING ITS ZIONIST

BASE IN THE REGION A FREE HAND TO INCREASE ITS AGGRESSIVENESS AGAINST THE ARAB LANDS. THIS IS SO BECAUSE CARTER SAID THAT ISRAEL'S SECURITY IS THE BASIC CONSIDERATION IN U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY.

4. "BY UNVEILING, THROUGH HIS DECLARATIONS, HIS TRUE POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TOWARDS THE PALESTINE PROBLEM, THE U.S. PRESIDENT DRAWS FOR THE TERRORIST BEGIN THE LINES OF AMERICAN MANEUVERS IN THE NEXT PHASE UNDER THE BANNER OF CAPITULATIONIST SETTLEMENTS WHICH HE IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE. IN FACT, THE PLO SEES IN THESE STANDS DANGEROUS INDICATIONS THAT FRESH AGGRESSIVE SCHEMES ARE NOW BEING PREPARED IN WASHINGTON BY BEGIN AND CARTER AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR NATIONAL CAUSE AND AGAINST THE ARAB NATION, ITS EXISTENCE, AND ITS FUTURE.

5. "WHILE ANNOUNCING ITS CATEGORIC REJECTION OF ALL THESE DECLARATIONS, THE PLO AFFIRMS THAT IT WILL CONTINUE ITS JUST STRUGGLE TO LIBERATE ITS LAND SO THAT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE MAY RETURN TO PALESTINE AND ESTABLISH THEIR INDEPENDENT STATE THERE."

6. COMMENT: THE INTERVIEW IS ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE PLO BELIEVES DIPLOMATIC OPTION IS NOT LIKELY TO ACHIEVE MINIMAL PALESTINAIN DEMANDS. IT ALSO SHOWS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGAIN THAT THE PLO LARGELY BLAMES THE UNITED STATES FOR THIS. END COMMENT.  
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